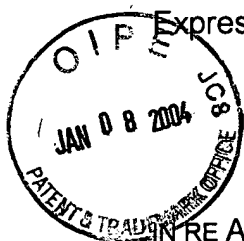


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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003 in the above-identified application. Please extend the period for response by three months, to January 8, 2004. The requisite petition and fee are enclosed herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.